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## Going To The Dogs

Support Dogs help disabled people like Janise Webster get around campus and conquer obstacles. Janise's story is one of mutual caring with her dog "Tune." Read about them on the features page. See page 6

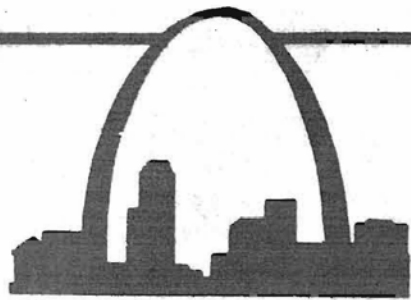
## Living Legend

Football great Jim Brown was in town last week to promote his new book. Mike Van Roo had a chance to talk with Brown about his life and, of course, Football. See Sports, page 7

## Campus Reminder

Beach Party this Friday!

Countdown to Spring Break: Only three more weeks!!!



# CURRENT

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## Change Proposed In SGA Election

by Kiril David Dickinson  
news editor

A proposal to change the way student leadership is elected was proposed at the Feb. 12 meeting of the Student Government Association (SGA).

Steve Meinhold, member of the Student Assembly and chairman of the Senate Student Affairs Committee, distributed a proposal to have the SGA President and Vice-President be elected from the Student Assembly.

"If you look at the actual titles of the executive branch, it's President and

Vice-President of SGA—not of the student body," said Meinhold. "Since they really lead SGA, I think they should be accountable and responsible to the Assembly."

Meinhold said he believes this is one way to do just that.

The proposed changes would be accomplished through an alteration of the by-laws of the SGA Constitution, which would require the approval of the student body. The Student Assembly will vote Feb. 26 on whether or not to submit the proposal to a student referendum.

According to Meinhold, the reason for the proposed changes is that the current system does not make the President and Vice-President of SGA accountable to the Student Government Association.

"The proposal came about after two years of really ineffective governing between the two groups [the executive branch and the Student Assembly]."

The change, he said, "is to bring the two branches closer together and to put some accountability into the system."

The Assembly is comprised of 25 elected representatives from the various

colleges and schools of the University of Missouri-St. Louis and one representative from every recognized campus organization, of which there are approximately 50.

The proposed change would create a more parliamentary form of student government, such as already exists on other colleges around the country.

Meinhold said he had gotten the idea from the student governments of UM-Kansas City and UM-Rolla, who have a system similar to that proposed here.

## Chinese Celebrate New Year On Campus

by Kevin Kleine  
editor

Chinese Americans from around the St. Louis area gathered at UM-St. Louis to celebrate the year of the horse for the Chinese New Year Festival at the J.C. Penney Auditorium Feb. 10.

The Chinese new year is based on a lunar calendar of 28 days per month which makes the new year fall between Jan. 21 and Feb. 21 on the solar calendar used by most of the world. It is the year 4688 going by the Chinese calendar. Like other new year celebrations around the world, the Chinese new year has ceremonies designed to scare away

"evil spirits" and bring good luck for the upcoming year.

Yun-Qin Yang, the master of ceremonies for the day, explained how things such as firecrackers, red clothing and dances came to be part of the celebration in a legend she told.

"There was a ferocious monster named 'the Year' that lived at the bottom of the ocean," she said. "It was a lazy monster though, and would sleep for 365 days awakening on the night of the 365th day."

The legend goes on to tell of an old woman who had her son eaten by the monster and of the fairy that helped her stand up to the monster's rampages.

Red colors were used to hurt the monster's eyes and noises from a bamboo cane crackling in a fire were used to pierce its ears. The monster was driven back to the sea until the next year. Through time it has become traditional for the Chinese to wear red clothes and hang red paper with sayings written in couplets on their doors. With the invention of gunpowder, firecrackers have replaced the crackling of the bamboo cane in the fire.

S.K. Liu, one of the organizers of the festival, explained the significance of the horse in the Chinese new year.

"The horse means perseverance, hard work and also has connotations of having a lot of charm," Liu said. "It is a very active animal, therefore you project a very active year."

The Chinese zodiac runs on a cycle of 12 years instead of the European model that changes on a monthly basis: Dragons, snakes, monkeys and pigs are a few of the other animals represented in the Chinese zodiac. The animal for which the year is named dominates all all events in that year.

"The horse not only reflects the character of the person born in that year, but also describes some of the characteristics of that year," Liu said.

Dances performed at the festival were recreations of those danced for Chinese emperors in the royal palace. Students from the Organization Of Chinese Americans' St. Louis Chinese Language School presented most of the dances. The dancer practice after school as part of their extra-curricular activities to learn their parts.

"We got involved through our parents," said Haixia Lin, 12, one of the dancers. "Most of us started when we were really little."

"This is an occasion for the Chinese community to get together and share with our American society," Liu said. "We try to get everyone together. We hope that successful events will go on to bigger and better things," he said. "The program is not only the new year, but also tries to introduce the American public to the meaning of Chinese culture."



**GRASSHOPPER:**The Martial Arts demonstration at the Chinese New Year Festival was a showplace for the skills of young combatants like the 12 year old girl above. **Left:** One of the dancers from "Knitting The Love Purse" gracefully waves a fan as part of the dance. (photos by Michelle McMurray)

## Activists Advocate Continuing Sanctions

(CPS)--Anti-apartheid activists on U.S. campuses say they're elated by South African President F.W. de Klerk's sweeping reforms of Feb. 2, but say students should keep the pressure on their schools to avoid even indirect economic support of the South African government for now.

"This is a very big victory for the people of South Africa and the international anti-apartheid movement," said Richard Knight of the Africa Fund, a New York-based group that has coordinated much of the anti-apartheid activity on campuses for the last 20 years.

De Klerk legalized the long-outlawed African National Congress (ANC) and other anti-apartheid groups, partially lifted the 43-month-old "state of emergency" and called for negotiations

to end apartheid and give the voteless black majority a voice in South Africa's government.

De Klerk also promised to free ANC leader Nelson Mandela, imprisoned since 1962. On Feb. 4, however, Mandela vowed to remain behind bars until de Klerk lifts completely the state of emergency.

Mandela was released from prison last Sunday morning at 7 a.m. (Central), although the state of emergency had been only partially lifted. De Klerk has stated that the state of emergency will remain in effect as long as rioting by black groups continues.

Under emergency regulations that remain in effect, the government can detain anyone for as long as six months

without charge. Police have wide powers to ban meetings or speeches, and to restrict media coverage of their own actions in dealing with political unrest.

The efforts of police to suppress black demonstrators—as well as the segregationist apartheid system that denies most black citizens most property and human rights—have always provoked passionate opposition on U.S. campuses. Students have successfully convinced administrations at scores of colleges to sell off shares in firms that do business in South Africa.

"All those students who sat in buildings and shanties," Knight said, "this is their victory too."

Knight hoped students would continue to pressure their schools and com-

munities to divest until South Africans win all their rights. "This is not the end of apartheid by any means. There are more changes coming, but it's important we continue pushing."

South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu also called for a continued divestment campaign during a Feb. 4 news conference at Harvard University, where he attended a private meeting of that school's governing Board of Overseers.

Tutu was elected last year to the post as part of a drive to pressure the university into ridding itself of all investments in companies doing business in or with South Africa.

## Barnett Speaks About Campus Concerns

UM-St. Louis Chancellor Marguerite Barnett has been a very popular figure since her arrival here three years ago. Among her accomplishments are the Thomas Jefferson Library expansion, the new Research Wing, and the Partnerships for Progress to expand education programs in the fields of math and science.

However, her public image suffered some damage as a result of her apparent eagerness to seek a position at another institution last year. Although she would not discuss her personal plans, following are excerpts from an interview that took place Feb. 8, her first interview with the CURRENT since withdrawing her name from consideration at Delaware University, in which she outlines her perceptions of UM-St. Louis, and some of her goals for the future of this school.

**CURRENT:** Are you disappointed at the low level of funding for higher education in this state?

**BARNETT:** [The state of Missouri] is 47th in per capita support for higher education. I don't think it's a question of personal disappointment on my part or on the part of any individual educator. I think it's a question of the future of this state. No one who is interested in education and economic development can avoid the clear data on the increasing relationship between the quality of higher education and economic development...

I think this institution could become a world-class institution. The institution would need tax dollars, but the state has not always underfunded higher education. It runs in cycles. So what we have to do is change the psychology of the state. I believe that people will invest in an institution if they have a sense of what they will get out of it. I think there is a case that can be made for the UM-St. Louis. I have tried to make that case. I think the future is unclear, but I'm optimistic...

**CURRENT:** Do you think the bureaucracy of the University of Missouri system is a detriment to accomplishing the goals of UM-St. Louis?

**BARNETT:** We work to make the University of Missouri system work in our best interests. Those of us who are in academic administration see part of our role as learning to work through the bureaucracy...

It's never easy to deal with a bureaucracy, but we have a lot of very talented people in the administration...and we have had some very notable successes in the last few years: new buildings, new programs. We're going to continue to compete.

**CURRENT:** Do we really need as many Vice-Chancellors as we have?

**BARNETT:** I need every Vice-Chancellor I have, yes.

**CURRENT:** You think that they're all effective?

**BARNETT:** Absolutely.

**CURRENT:** Two years ago the administration said it would take immediate steps to have dioxin stored on campus removed, but as you know, it's still here. Why is it still here?

**BARNETT:** The dioxin belongs to the University of Missouri system, and so we had to work through the system to get the dioxin removed. However, the campus community will be pleased to hear that we have finally worked with them and gotten them to agree that the dioxin is to be removed, probably over the next several months. And of course, they will be paying for that removal. So the dioxin will be removed soon.

**CURRENT:** What do you think about the issue of racism on campus? Does it exist?

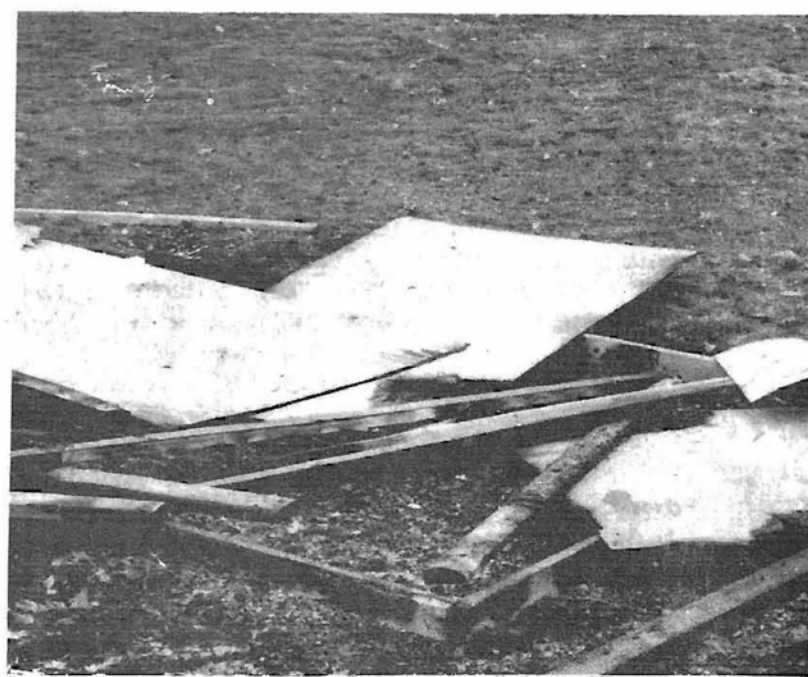
**BARNETT:** I think racism exists in American society.

**CURRENT:** What form does it take here?

**BARNETT:** I don't think that the UM-St. Louis has a problem with racism that is worse than that which exists at other universities or in American society as a whole. The form that it would take here is the form that it would take anywhere. My role as Chancellor of the University is to articulate the See *CHANCELLOR*, page 4



Marguerite R. Barnett

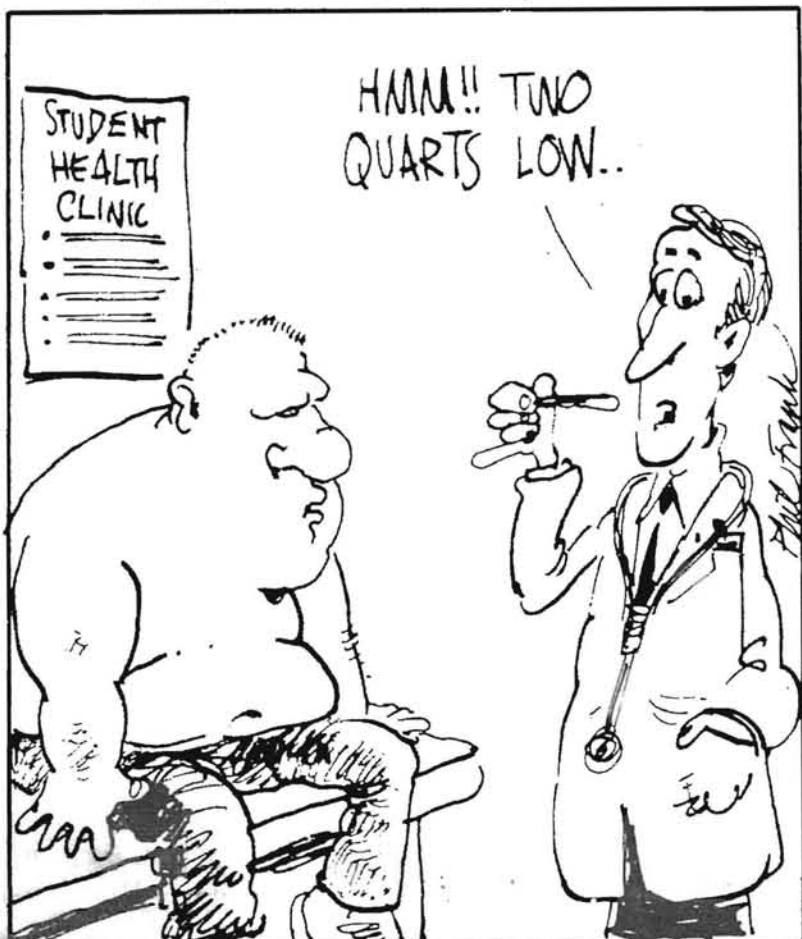


**BURNED OUT:** A shanty built to protest the UM-System's investments in South Africa was burnt down back in the spring of 1987. The protests are a thing of the past, but activists are urging that sanctions remain in place. (Current File Photo)





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- Return the application by Feb. 28 to the Chair of the Student Publications Committee along with a cover letter, clips, letters of recommendation and references in a sealed envelope. Send applications to:

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## Election Objection

There is a plan knocking around the Student Government Association that would change the method of electing the president, vice president and assembly reps from the current system of a campus-wide vote with ballot boxes to a direct mail ballot. Is this a joke?

Saddly enough, it isn't. The chair of the committee in charge of the idea, Mary Creeson, must be extremely naive to believe that more students will participate because of another piece of unwanted mail. Worse yet, what safeguards are there to prevent tampering with the ballots and falsifying votes? There were enough problems last year with counting ballots. Last year's election was one of the poorest-run elections in the history of the SGA. Candidates were counting ballots and mud was flying. Direct mail would make election fraud easier than it already is. What would stop someone from forging signatures? who would check them? using student numbers is no good either. Your student number is no secret. Just about anyone can get it.

The idea is too risky and, above all, won't work. Students will have a tendency to view the ballot as just another piece of junk mail from the university. Student Activities sends out hundreds of flyers, notices and memos every month. How many of those wind up in the garbage can? Evidently, quite a few end up in the can as one can see from the massive attendance at events on campus.

The best way to have elections would probably be using the same type of system used in large lecture halls for tests. A computer scored system could easily verify the choices on the ballot quicker and more accurately than people could. Student numbers could be used in this case if an I.D. was shown. If the student number appeared on the final tally more than once, all votes attributed to that number would be disqualified.

Apathy is the key word here. It takes less effort to stop by a ballot box between classes than it does to open the mail, read it, decide who to vote for, fill it out and send it back. maybe we should try one of those 900 numbers. Nah, no one would fork out the 50 cents for the call.

## Free At Last?

After more than 25 years in prison, Nelson Mandela is free. Or is he? Police and blacks continue to clash on a daily basis in South Africa. So far the changes are only cosmetic.

Universities like the UM-System should continue to impose sanctions on the South African government until it is obvious to the world that everyone enjoys equality under the law.

The campus activists are a thing of the past, but the spirit of the protests need not die. Hopefully, students will take up another cause with as much zeal as the anti-apartheid protests had.

The University is scheduled to have its \$75 million in South African investments pulled out by the year 1993. If the university decides to re-invest in South Africa before an appropriate amount of equality is present, the shanty towns and protesters should rise again to remind them of their commitment.

## Letters Policy

The Current welcomes letters to the editor. The writer's student number and phone number must accompany all letters. Non-students must also include their phone numbers. Letters should be no longer than two typed, double-spaced pages. No unsigned letters will be published, but the

author's name can be withheld by request.

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## Censorship, Coersion Causes Columnist's Concern

### Oblivion

by Shawn M. Foppe  
managing editor

Several weeks ago I wrote a series of columns that drew quite a bit of fire from various members of the campus community—that did not surprise me. Many of the letters written in response my columns questioned my right to express my opinion given that it was so extreme—that did surprise me.

It did more than surprise me, it befuddled me and caused more than just a little anger. The First Amendment to the Constitution guarantees more than freedom of the press. It guarantees freedom of speech and freedom of expression.

A year ago this week, Salmon Rushdie, author of *Satanic Verses*, entered seclusion. Rushdie's book offended Muslims the world round and garnered him a death sentence from Mr. Holy himself—the Ayatollah Khomeini. He has been in hiding ever since.

*Satanic Verses* is a piece of fiction that most Muslims find offensive and believe should not be printed. To get their point across, they have terrorized and threatened the book's publisher—Viking Press, bookstores selling the book, and newspapers publicizing the piece of fiction.

Now as the book is about to be published in paperback, the new Ayatollah, Khomeini, has renewed calls for Rushdie's death and Muslims vow acts of violence against Viking Press and those supporting the book. And I thought I got grief for what I wrote.

Last week CBS suspended Andy Rooney for allegedly making racist remarks in an interview with a reporter for *The Advocate*. Rooney is reported to have said that blacks were guilty of watering down their gene pool.

The reporter did not use a tape recorder. This immediately causes me to be suspect of the accuracy of the article. Any reporter who is doing a significant interview that has the probability of being controversial uses a tape recorder.

*The Advocate* and Rooney were no great friends to begin with. Rooney made homophobic remarks last

December in a news special that aired on CBS. *The Advocate's* readership is primarily gay. So why would *The Advocate's* reporter enter an obviously adversarial situation without being armed with a tape recorder?

Rooney's lack of sensitivity toward gays and blacks is regrettable and may show a lack of education but they certainly are not enough to suspend him. 40 years of service to the network goes unnoticed. I imagine his many opponents will say he has been racist and homophobic the whole time and just managed to hide it well. My guess is that the CBS asked Rooney to take a fall so *60 Minutes'* ratings wouldn't. After all, it is sweeps time—freedom be damned.

Last month Jean Dixon, the venerable Republican state representative and censor from Springfield made the news again. As an encore to last year's attempt at preventing Southwest Missouri State University from producing *The Normal Heart*, a play which deals with homosexuality and AIDS, she has decided to save the world from all those dirty lyrics creeping into our music.

Dixon is sponsoring a bill that would make it a crime to sell music which deals with the topics of sex, homosexuality,

drugs, violence, guns, etc. Dixon claims to be protecting a generation of youths from the "horrors" of the world by keeping these subjects out of their music.

What Mean Jean is really trying to do is enforce her morals on society and censor music she doesn't like. The proposed statute would also prevent adults from purchasing this "dirty" music.

Parents should take responsibility for what music their children listen to and by no means should adults be prevented from buying the music of their choice. The state is suppose to serve its citizens, not babysit them.

I find it ironic and extremely frightening that as soviet bloc countries are moving toward democratized communities, an ever growing segment of American society is moving towards less freedom.

Many Americans are too lazy to argue or deal with viewpoints that oppose their own. Yet they are perplexed by the possibility that their opponents may gain popularity on issues dealing with abortion, AIDS, homosexuality, civil rights, etc. Their solution? Silence viewpoints that challenge mainstream fundamentals. After all it worked for Hitler—didn't it?

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Money Used For Nukes Should Go To Education

Dear Editor,

Dr. Carter Goodwin Woodson, the African-American historiographer of Harvard, was the spearhead of what we now know as Black History Month—February. This ex-coalminer and exceptionally "straight" man, was the embodiment of working-class ability.

Dr. Woodson insisted that his students study all events in human history, objectively and in detail, including the very controversial Russian Revolution of 1917.

This revolution's legacy we see continued today in its pursuance of peace through the Soviet union's promise to "never nuke first" (we of the U.S. have not echoed this pledge) and its recent concrete proposals to ban all nuclear and chemical weaponry by the millennium.

Also, the current processes of "perestroika" (restructuring) and "glasnost" (openness) are the domestic features of peace policy in the Soviet Union.

What does Dr. Woodson's insistence

that students of history know Russian history have to do with our present Black History? As the late great African-American essayist James Baldwin said, "history, I contend, is the present." In the present era of plummeting Black enrollment at universities, a dearth of Black PhDs, and a growing gap between the well-being of Black and majority Americans, it is imperative that money to produce nuclear and all weaponry be converted to the use of education and employing all Americans and especially African-Americans. When the most

exploited sector's condition is bettered, the whole of society is better in just that proportion that the especially ravaged are uplifted.

This possibility of uplifting is helped by the current peace policy of the Soviet Union.

The slogan raised by Lenin of "Peace, Bread and Land" has a parallel in Benjamin Banneker's (the first important African-American intellectual) advocacy of a "Department of Peace" as a permanent department in government around the time of our revolution of 1776.

If the best traditions of peace in African-American history — and its present — are to flourish, our citizens of African descent must receive an equal chance and an equal share of the material well-being that American civilization offers.

The best traditions of Black History will endure. At hand is the opportunity to "beat swords into ploughshares" as the Bible says, and to re-discover the "facile" relationship between peace and racial equality that Rev. Dr. M.L. King, Jr. brought out — what revelation probably cost us his life.

Let students at UM-St. Louis objectively study the potential for peace and well-being between W.E.B. Du Bois' (Communist and the first African-American to win a PhD. in history in the U.S.) "great democratic philanthropy" for peace and V.I. Lenin's Soviet motherland of "Peace, Bread and Land."

E.E.W. Clay

### Vice Chancellors Deny Reverse Discrimination Claim

Dear Editor,

The Jan. 25 Current column "Oblivion" cites an example of what the columnist claims to be a case of reverse discrimination at UM-St. Louis. Shawn Foppe, the columnist, suggests that a former University employee was not given the same options as African-American employees regarding taking time off for observing Martin Luther King Day.

### Student Staffer Surrejoins Supervisor

Dear Editor,

As an employee, a student intern in 1989 at KWMU, and the President of the Radio Club, I am quite surprised by Paeton Tipton's letter.

I met Patricia Wente, the new General Manager of KWMU, when she arrived. My meetings with Patty Wente have been motivating and very helpful. She introduced the Radio Club to Alpha Epsilon Rho, a Broadcasting Society. Patty wants the best training for future broadcasters, and Alpha Epsilon Rho is a way for students to grow.

Patty is always high spirited and adds a lot of life to KWMU. She motivates her staff with her spunk and her hopes for the station. Hew goal for the station is

This scenario is simply inaccurate. There never has been a University policy or practice that allows one group of employees to take a day off without offering the same opportunity to all other employees. The system of vacation days and personal days is designed to encompass the needs of all employees. This is reflected in the recent decision by the UM Board of Curators to make the King holiday a systemwide paid holiday for all employees and students. The employee in question could not have been a vic-

tim of reverse discrimination in the situation described. UM-St. Louis always has afforded all University employees equal freedom and responsibility to select when and how they spend their personal days. In the same way, the University has afforded its student newspaper total freedom and responsibility to print what it sees fit to print. It is our sincere hope that the freedoms involved do not overshadow the newspaper's responsibility for printing accurate, factual information.

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the values which I do think are the values of the majority of faculty...values which support equal treatment for everyone. If you are an institution in a society where racism exists, you can't escape that racism.

CURRENT: Besides the required non-Eurocentric history course, what other steps are being taken to combat racism? BARNETT: Let's go beyond racism, because the issue is how do you create a fair, open, comfortable environment that facilitates learning on the part of everyone. And we have someone—Norman Seay—who works to educate the campus and the community about the achievements of various groups, and who does a tremendous job in trying to help the campus create the very best environment. But Norman Seay is only one person. The goal is to have everyone have the same goals, the same ideas, and the same value system that would facilitate a comfortable environment.

CURRENT: Do you think the steps that have been taken have been effective? BARNETT: I think in general, and unless you tell me incorrectly, that this institution is probably in the top ten to fifteen percent of universities nationwide in its comfort level. I think it's a very open environment here; certainly the CURRENT feels very free about expressing its opinions on campus, and as far as I know, every student feels free about expressing an opinion. Some people will say, "Oh, there's terrible racism here" but other say there isn't. My sense is that everyone feels comfortable... CURRENT: Does student apathy concern you?

BARNETT: Yes. I wish we had more students active...on every level of campus life. Just an example: The SEMO/UM-St. Louis basketball game. They came and out-rooted us on our own court. And Dr. MacLean really worries about it a lot. But as you must know, 80 percent of our students work and many of them really don't have the time—especially our evening students.

CURRENT: What plans are in effect right now to encourage student involvement?

BARNETT: [Dr. MacLean] is thinking of everything from holding events at different hours so that the activities coincide with the students' schedules to personally encouraging student government and other student associations to try and get more involved. The Senate tries to get students more involved in the governance of the campus, to get more students to attend the Senate and its activities. So all of those things are going on...

CURRENT: Do you think the Student Government Association is doing an adequate job of trying to encourage student participation?

BARNETT: I'm not in a position to judge that.

CURRENT: Has anything changed as regards the funding for theater at UM-St. Louis?

BARNETT: My understanding is that the theater budget will depend on recruitment. That budget is currently undergoing re-evaluation. That was a temporary cutback, not a permanent one.

CURRENT: Are you pressing for more funding for the theater?

BARNETT: I've allocated funding for Student Affairs with the stipulation that funding go to the Communications Department, so that we can develop that department.

CURRENT: Now that the UM-St. Louis engineering program is on track—

BARNETT: Whoa. The engineering program has passed the Board of Curators, but it still needs to be approved by the Coordinating Board on Higher Education, and that's not going to be easy. John Powell, who is one of the most powerful men in this state, has stated publicly...that he absolutely opposes this program. And he's very close to the governor. We have fought very hard for this program.

CURRENT: What are the chances of our getting it?

BARNETT: I'd say 50-50. It could go either way.

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distributed nationally," she said. "This will only heighten the overall presence of KWMU's local and national reporting and provide service to the listeners of Metropolitan St. Louis."

Lohr will produce feature length stories for Morning Edition and "All Things Considered," and "Marketplace" from the studios of KWMU.

Lohr has been traveling in the midwest region and covering disasters on assignment from NPR for the last year. Before becoming a regional

reporter, she worked as a reporter/producer at KCUR-FM in Kansas City for four years.

Wente Says KWMU is now able to stand at the forefront with other major markets, assisting NPR in its coverage

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## Twilight Zone Takes New Twist

### Elvis Hotline

by Greg Albers  
columnist

You wake up just like any other morning (after abusing your snooze alarm privileges for about two hours). You walk to the bathroom and discover your sister has dyed her hair green. Your mom and dad are sternly yet lovingly lecturing your younger brother after discovering he forged a note sent home by his principal. Then you realize that you had accidentally planned two dates for the same night and that your dad was busted by your mom for keeping a stash of money in his bowling ball.

Are you dreaming?

Are you in the Twilight Zone??

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A short jaunt away from this infernal oasis is Commercial Hell, where you have bad breath, ring around the collar, B.O. and hemorrhoids.

A little farther down the road is Soap Opera Hell, where your mom is having an affair with her hairdresser, plumber, mail man and chimney sweep, your cousin is plotting to kill his wife who has amnesia and can't remember she was once a man, and your 80 year-old grandmother is pregnant with her priest's baby.

Ah, if only real life was as exciting as make-believe. If only everyone were cute and perky and funny. Wouldn't the world just be wonderful?

It's amazing the amount of crap people will put up with for a little entertainment. (No, I'm not referring to this column.)

"I've got the deluxe cable deal with everything and a dish that brings signals back from hundreds of miles in space. Ninety five channels twenty four hours a day. And there ain't nothin' on." We've all heard people bitch about the lack of quality programming, yet these are the same people who have remote controls surgically implanted in the palms of their hands. They just can't get enough.

From a business standpoint, the only reason TV exists is to sell products. Lots of products. It used to be the only times we had to listen to the slick sales pitches were during paid commercials. But now, there exists many programs that do nothing but market merchandise.

Children's shows hawk action figures and home shopping channels unload everything else. And people watch. And people buy.

People are hooked on television. Advertisers have known that for ages. That was no surprise. What did come as a shock to me was how young people begin their addiction to the tube.

Several days ago, my sister came over for a visit and brought my nephew (3½ months old.) As far as I knew, his only interests were blowing spit bubbles, staining diapers and sleeping. Then, as my sister held him on her shoulder trying to coax a good belch, I noticed something I found quite bizarre and unsettling. He watches TV.

His eyes were wide open, unblinking staring right at the screen. He even had to crane his neck a little to see past her shoulder, but he wouldn't let his eyes stray from the images that flashed before him.

I pointed this out to the boy's mother and she responded, "Oh yeah, he loves to watch the commercials. I guess it's because there's a lot of action in them." It appears to be the only thing he'll sit still for.

Am I reading too much into this, or does it sound a little spooky. I mean this little guy doesn't even talk yet, but he still listens intently when some stranger tells him he'd rather have a Buick.

Maybe advertisers realize this. Maybe they develop their marketing campaigns with the intention of holding an infant's attention. Maybe this is part of the long range plans of the corporate America. Maybe they're brainwashing the segment of the population that is most impressionable into unconsciously trusting their products before they even trust their own parents.

Maybe this plan has been in effect for many years. Maybe that's why we're so obsessed with TV. We've been brainwashed since long before we could even tie our shoes. We belong to them now. We're hooked.

# Paws For A Cause: Team On The Move

by Elizabeth A. Miller  
reporter

A glossy apricot-colored Golden Retriever attached to a wheelchair by a leather leash walks slowly from the campus library to the circle drive. As the dog and the girl in the chair sit waiting for the bus, the dog loyally and patiently, calmly scans the area about them.

Janise Webster, 24, and her dog, Tune, are an example of a working team created by Support Dogs for the Handicapped, Inc. Support Dogs is a unique organization designed to help the physically challenged lead ordinary, independent lives.

Unlike guide dogs for the blind, these dogs are trained specifically for the person who will be using the dog. Support Dogs' motto is *Love, Strength, Trust, and Independence*, which they hope to achieve with each individual and dog team through personality, abilities, and training.

Launched in 1981, the organization has grown into a regionally known service for the physically disabled. Currently there are 15 trained dogs working with a partner. Based in St. Louis, the service has provided dogs in the St. Louis area, Illinois, Kansas, and even New York.

Webster and Tune have been a team for two and a half years. "I found Support Dogs by accident. I was flipping through the phone book looking for another number and I saw the listing. I was curious and called," Webster said.

Eight months later, Tune was hers. "I can't imagine being without him. I wouldn't have it any other way."

Murphy explained that the dogs are designed to save the disabled person at least three to four hours a day with daily tasks made difficult by the disability. "The person will still do what they want even if they didn't have the dog. Having the dog just makes it easier."

"Being in a wheelchair sometimes can be rough, and the dog is a companion to make life a little easier," Mary Murphy, a pillar of the organization, explained.

"Before I had Tune, I would have to wait for someone to open the doors so I could get to class. But now that I have Tune, people see him and open the doors anyway," Webster, a student at UM—St. Louis, is majoring in

psychology and minoring in both philosophy and social work.

"I'd like to get into social work and show them what I can do. Then after I've done some good, I want to set up my own practice."

Although a full-time student, Webster still has time to take Tune to an open field after classes and let him run and play like other dogs. She also finds time to spend with her fiancé, Tom, who is a law student.

Although Tune is a Golden Retriever, other breeds of dogs are chosen for their retrieving instincts and gentle temperament. Other support dogs are Labrador Retrievers, some German Shepherds, Great Danes and Doberman Pinschers.

The training age of puppies begins at seven weeks. The puppy is placed in a foster home where it will be cared for and loved for 16-18 months. Foster families are responsible for proper high quality feeding, veterinary care, and taking it to training.

The fostering process costs the family \$7,000 to \$8,000 for the 18 month period. During this time, the puppy is trained once a week at a facility in Pevely, Missouri. The puppies develop agility, endurance and strength. Gradually, training increases to a daily routine. As they get older, the training becomes more specific as the individual talents develop.

The most unique aspect of this service is the pairing of puppy and partner. Trainers observe each puppy's temperament and talents and match them with a chosen applicant for the dog. After matching, each puppy is tailor-made according to the partner's needs.

"We're the Saks Fifth Avenue of support dogs," Murphy said with a chuckle.

"I asked for an energetic dog and I definitely got it!" Webster said.

Webster also stated that Tune can tell what kind of mood she's in. "I'm over-protective of him sometimes."

But the reverse is also true, as Webster told of a recent trip to the doctor. "I'm a chicken over needles and I had to get a shot. Tune was on the floor when the doctor gave me the shot. I let out a scream, and Tune jumped up on the doctor. He didn't know if he was hurting me or what."

One type of dog is the "walker dog."

These are large dogs that help a person who may need balance while walking. The dog stays side-by-side with its partner to provide steady support. Should a fall occur, the dog can hold its body rigid so the person can get up. Also, the walker dogs perform what is called "The Wedding March," in which the dog will descend steps one by one with the partner, acting as a bannister.

If the person is not able to open heavy glass doors, the dog is able to pull the door open and hold it until both are safely on the other side.

There are two types of "chair dogs." One type is designed for manual wheelchairs and performs opening heavy glass doors and loading and unloading the chair from vans or cars. This dog travels to the grocery store with its partner and can get items out of reach.

One special function is called "The Rise." "The Rise" allows the dog to reach heights that the person can't because they are restricted to their wheelchair. For example, when paying for groceries or getting the mail, the dog stands on its hind legs and holds the money for the checker or takes the mail from the box and places it in the partner's lap.

Power wheelchair dogs are just as helpful. The dog can open heavy glass doors, carry cordless phone receivers to its master and turn on wall light switches.

Each of these types of dogs are trained with some basic functions, such as retrieving dropped items and placing them in the partner's lap, hand or a cup attached to the wheelchair, Murphy explained.

"They can pick up everything from a dime to a book," Webster said. "Tune will pick up my pen immediately if I drop it in class, even if he had been sleeping. Once, when this happened, the instructor told me after class that he'd never seen anything like that. He was amazed."

In addition, they are trained to maneuver an emergency device on the telephone if help is needed.

A new type of dog is the TOUCH dog, which is an acronym for Therapy of Unique Canines Helpers. This specially trained dog is a certified therapy dog used in therapies for nursing home residents and hospital patients. The



IN TUNE: Janise Webster and her partner Tune. (photo by Scott Brandt)

TOUCH dogs are selected for their acceptance of people, patience and low stress level.

"These dogs are content to sit and be petted for hours," Murphy said.

An interesting feature of the dog is the "gentle leader" the dog wears for its own protection. Looking like a muzzle, the leader draws strength from the dog without straining the neck or upper body structure. Once the task is done, the leader is released.

"People see it and ask if he's friendly or if he'll bite. They think it's so cruel. But it's for his own well-being," Webster said.

In order for the dogs to travel as a constant companion, they have public access rights. In Missouri, law allows the dogs to be in all public places, including

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# German Student Visits A Changed Homeland

by Michelle McMurray  
reporter

"Suddenly unexpected, uncomprehensible, for all of us the wall is deceased. 8-13-61 to 11-9-89. We didn't cry one

single tear," wrote East German journalist, Bernd Schmidt as an obit in the paper *Neue Zeit*.

For 28 years the 15 feet high, 28 mile long Berlin Wall stood between East

and West Germany. The Wall came between UM—St. Louis student, Marita Manion and her relatives and friends in East Germany.

Manion, a senior majoring in German and Psychology grew up in West Germany. She came to the United States to live in 1975.

Before the wall came down she was free to visit her grandmother who lived in East Germany. But the Russians and East Germans sealed the border August 13, 1961 between the countries because so many people were escaping.

For more than two years Manion and her family could not go to East Berlin to visit her relatives. It was more than two years before the family could apply for a visa. The visa was good for one day and visitors has to be out of the country by midnight.

Between 1963 and 1968 the family was allowed only four visits. "As a child it was difficult," Manion said. "I couldn't understand why Grandma didn't come for birthdays or Christmas anymore. I could not go over and spend the night with her anymore. How can a child understand international politics?"

"We were at their [the East German's] mercy when we could go visit for a day. Every time we went to visit there was a good chance we might never see her again for months maybe even years. That wall caused so much heartache."

Before the Wall opened anyone trying to cross could be shot or blown up by a mine. People tried desperate means of escape. Some tried utilizing hot air balloons. Hiding under the seat of a car was common practice. But the escapee ran the risk of being caught and thrown in jail if the border guard did a random search of the car.

A friend of Manion's cousin escaped in a meat truck. His wife hid in a cow half, and they gave the baby a sleeping pill and put their baby in another cow

half. The husband drove the family to freedom.

East Germany, Czechoslovakia, and Hungary created a treaty that would not permit citizens of their countries cross the borders into the west.

The events that led to that great day of November 9, 1989 are:

Sept. 10 1989

Hungary backed out of the treaty and opened the border to Austria. At that time 60,000 East Germans were on vacation. Vacationers went from Austria to West Germany. East Germany would not give visas to Hungary. People started to seek refuge in Prague and the Warsaw Embassy.

Sept. 30 1989

East Germany gave permission for 7,000 refugees from the embassy in Warsaw and Prague to leave on the "freedom trains" to West Germany. As the trains went through East Germany police blocked the train stations so no one could jump on the moving trains.

Nov. 4 1989

One million demonstrated for democracy in East Berlin for the largest protest since 1953.

Nov. 7 1989

The Parliamentary committee rejects government drafts a law to ease travel restrictions. The East Germany governor resigns and protesters demand free elections.

Nov. 9 1989

East Germany opens the border allowing free travel. East Germany's new leader, Egon Krenz advocates a new law ensuring free and democratic elections.

Marita Manion had just returned home from school and tuned in to watch her favorite soap opera. Peter Jennings broke in and announced the East German government had made a proclamation to destruct parts of the Wall.

*"For the first time in my life, I saw an East German soldier without a machine gun."*—Marita Manion

"I ran up to the TV and turned the volume all the way up. This can't be true."

Shaking and crying Manion called her husband, relatives, and German teacher.

"I couldn't get enough news. I would tape one news show while watching another," she said.

Over Thanksgiving, Manion made the trip to West Berlin to see for herself. When she first walked up to the wall Manion said she, "cried like a baby" for about a half hour.

"For the first time in my life I saw an East German soldier without a machine gun. He was standing shoulder to shoulder with a West German police officer. People were celebrating with flowers and champagne. It was one of the most moving experiences of my whole life."

Manion chipped off pieces of the wall to bring home. How does she feel about businesses marketing pieces of the Wall? "That wall caused so much emotional damage and heartache. I'd rather have it all over the world in little pieces than dividing loved ones from each other."

Manion said she hopes everyone will learn something from this. "I hope everybody will remember and never let a human cage in other humans like that again."

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PEACE ON EARTH: UM—St. Louis Student Marita Manion, a native of West Germany, stands in front of a section of the Berlin Wall on a recent visit.

# 'Enemies' Tells Tale Of Someone Biting Off More Than They Can Chew

by Mike Van Roo  
movie reviewer

Paul Mazursky likes to direct movies that involve complicated relationships. Take some of his previous work such as "Bob and Carol and Ted and Alice," "An Unmarried Woman," "Blume in Love," "Harry and Tonto," and "Down and Out in Beverly Hills."

So it should be no surprise that

Mazursky's latest, "Enemies, A Love Story," involves the story of a man who has three wives.

Herman Broder (superbly played by Tony award winning actor Ron Silver), has this problem of three wives and what to do with them.

Broder takes wife number two, Yadviga (Margaret Sophie Stein in a hilarious role), after he learns that wife number one, Tamara (Anjelica Huston), was thought to have died in a concen-

tration camp.

Enter wife number three, Masha (the sexy Lena Olin), who threatens to cut off her extra-marital affair with Broder if he doesn't marry her. Masha herself is currently seeking a divorce from her present husband and claims to have been impregnated by Broder.

The movie is set in post-World War II New York City, when the war seemed but a distant memory to some, except Broder who has some recurring

flashbacks to his involvement with that period in time.

Broder was rescued from the Nazis by the peasant Yadviga and marries her for the years that she kept him, hidden on her farm.

Broder and second wife immigrate to New York and he takes up employment as a ghostwriter for a rabbi (excellently played by comedian Alan King, but unfortunately he only has a few cameo appearances in the movie).

While being married to wife number two, Broder starts his affair with soon-to-be wife number three, Masha. Enter into the picture wife number one, Tamara, who reappears in Herman's life after supposedly perishing in the German death camps.

The movie does display an obvious reference, but not total approval of the state of infidelity. Herman just kind of



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restaurants, grocery stores, or buses and planes.

Webster takes Tune to class. "I feel sorry for the instructors because for the first few weeks, all of the attention is on the dog."

Each dog is certified in one of two ways. Street-certified dogs have complete public access. Home-certified dogs are restricted to home use only.

Since these dogs are frequently in public, people naturally want to pet them. Murphy explains that it is very important NOT to pet the dogs. "The dog is working all the time and needs to concentrate on what it is doing. It could hurt the team if it is distracted."

To discourage petting, the dogs wear a symbol of a person petting a dog encircled and slashed in red.

"People think it's cruel that they can't pet Tune. They don't understand that it's stressful for him," Webster said.

"The dogs are for the sense of freedom it gives. Also, the dog provides companionship, retrieving abilities, transferring from bed to wheelchair, and it gives them a friend to talk to," Murphy said.

Independence is a major goal with the support dogs. Webster was able to move on her own two months after getting Tune.

"There is a commercial where a dog wakes up and the man says 'Sometimes I wish you were a fish.' I wake up and I wish I could sleep in. But then there's Tune and his wet tongue right in my face. Then I'm so glad I got up."

The support dogs are provided to the chosen applicants free of charge, yet sometimes the wait is long. Webster said she considers herself "one of the rare and lucky ones." She only had to wait eight months.

"My friend applied at the same time four and a half years ago, and is still waiting for the right type of dog."

The only expenses are food and veterinary care. Although it may seem expensive, Murphy said, "Their value is priceless."

Financial support for the organization comes solely from donations from corporations and individual, grants and gifts. The organization also provides a vet's fund in case a dog needs treatment.

"I can't imagine being without Tune. I know one day I won't have him, but I try not to think about that," Webster said.

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happens to be in the wrong place at the wrong time in certain portions of his life.

The movie is taken from Nobel Prize winning author Isaac Bashevis Singer's book of the same name, first published in 1972.

The acting is first-rate in this movie from all parties involved, especially the four named foursome.

One other role worth mentioning is that of Masha's mother (Judith Malina), who seems a cross between the Fairy Godmother and a mother-in-law one could easily ignore.

The recreation of that era is magnificently done all the way down to the Coney Island ferris wheel that towered over the landscape of that bustling community called "Brooklyn."

The richness and look of the movie looks as though one could have stepped into a time portal back to that era of sleek automobiles and fancy clothes and not even guess that it was a movie.

Eventually all three wives know of Herman's infidelities and the inevitable confrontation arises on what avenue Herman must take.

The ending was somewhat of a surprise, but it was not to be unexpected. Herman boxed himself into a corner and probably ended up with the best solution for all parties involved.

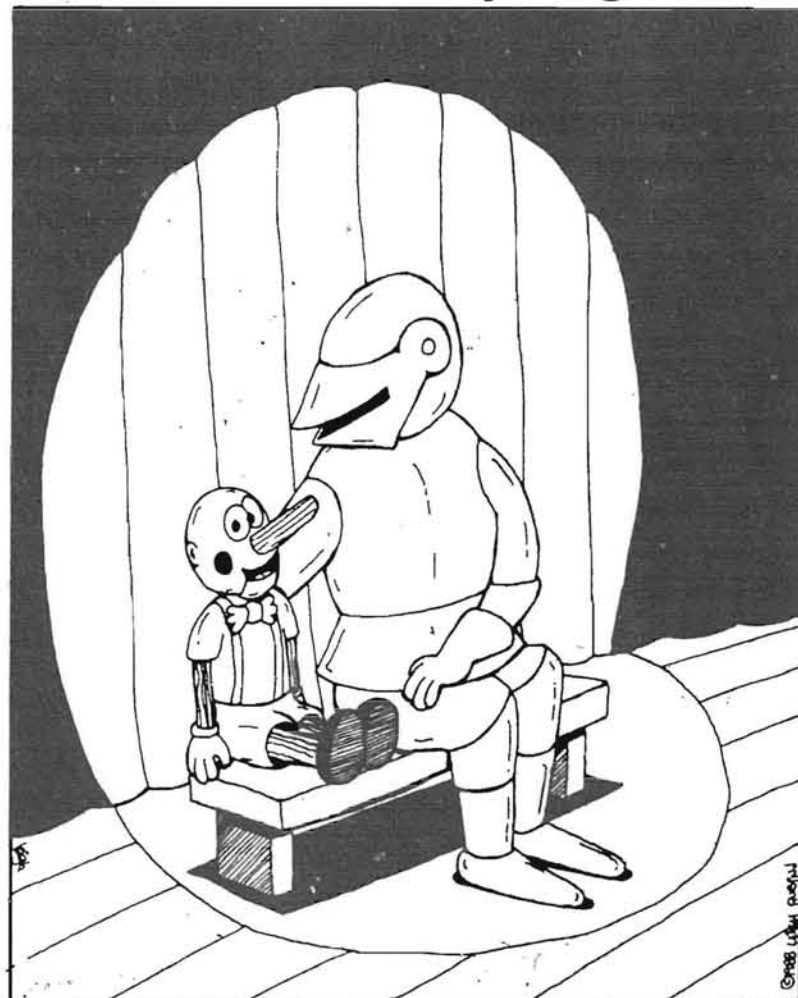
Herman Broder is a man who maybe bit off more than he could chew, or maybe tried to take one too many extra pieces of pie.

Most people might feel sorry for Herman, but I don't think they would go away from this movie hating him. He lived in an era that offered many choices of which one could live their lives, especially after a time in which many choices were not possible and many lives were taken for granted.

Herman Broder might have lived that Walter Mitty charmed life, but in the end he came up a little too greedy for his own good. His King Midas touch, kind of wore off.

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By Leigh Rubin



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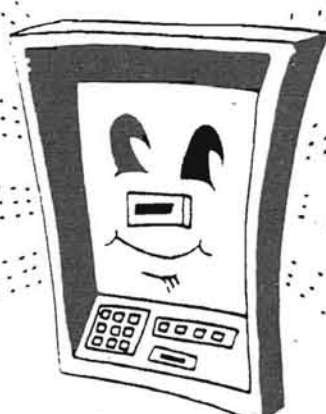
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## Hit Me With Your Best Shot

### Roo's Roost

by Mike Van Roo  
contributing sports writer

One nice thing about the world of sports is that on any given day, any team or player can rise to monumental heights and beat the odds to pull off that time-honored cliché of *upset*.

James "Buster" Douglas, a 29-year-old did such that last Saturday night in Tokyo, when he pulled off one of the greatest upsets in boxing history with a 10th round knockout over seemingly invincible champ Mike Tyson.

Tyson's defeat opened up a whole Pandora's box on the already shaky credibility in the world of professional boxing.

Right after the fight, the World Boxing Association and the World Boxing Council had the gall to suspend the result of the fight until Feb. 20.

Anybody who saw the fight knows that Douglas was clearly the winner in the contest. Sure, he might have benefited from a long count in the eighth round when Tyson knocked him down with four seconds left in that round.

**Whether Douglas benefited** from a ghost in the ring that might have saved him precious seconds during the referee's count to ten, we may never know.

Fortunately for boxing, at least at the present moment, there are no instant replay cameras to help in a controversial decision called by the attending arbiters on action from a sporting event like there is in football.

If the extra three or four seconds from the referee's indecision on when to start counting aided Douglas, the fact remains that Tyson couldn't finish off his opponent.

Since the end of the eighth round proved to be one of confusion and uncertainty, it might have given Douglas the impetus to go after the champ.

Douglas went after Tyson with a barrage of 58 punches in the ninth round of which 37 connected. That was the most punches Douglas threw at Tyson in any one round of the fight except the first, when he also threw 58 punches against the now-former champ.

It's possible that Tyson was heading for a fall. His promoter Don King has turned out to be less a promoter for Tyson, than more like an agitator in the world of boxing.

Whose fault was it that Tyson lost. Was it King, who should have given the fight more importance than he did, or was it Tyson who just decided to take the night off in the rink that night?

**The fight was** supposed to be so much of a mismatch, that there was almost no odds being taken on the fight in Las Vegas.

Only one club, The Mirage, opened the odds on the fight at 35-1, which swelled up to 42-1 at the time of the opening bell. When the club posted the odds a few weeks before the fight, the first bet came in at \$70,000, with those odds in mind, the winner would have only won \$2,000.

But the big credit in the stunning victory has to go to the Columbus, Ohio native who does count the legendary Ohio State football coach Woody Hayes as one of his early heroes in life.

Douglas, who was playing high school basketball less than ten years ago, fought his way up the ladder of respectability in the boxing world by fighting a lot of mostly-nobodies in trying to get in that storybook position of challenging the champ. Sort of sounds like a well-known movie that has spawned too many sequels?

**If the collected wisdom** of the WBA and the WBC get their acts together, they should declare James Douglas the "new" heavyweight boxing champ of the world right now!

There's no reason they should wait till next week to give this man the rightfully deserved fruits of victory. It could be interesting in the next few weeks and months to see who gets to fight Douglas next.

Does Mike Tyson deserve first crack at Douglas? A now once-beaten Tyson could regain that gleam in his eye that made him so deadly before and could give Douglas all the trouble he should have expected in Tokyo.

Or does some no-name like a James Douglas before the Tyson fight, get a crack at Douglas and make a name for himself? Only time will tell...

# Tough Times: B-Ball Takes Losses, Beats Rolla



**I'VE GOT IT:** Riverman Barry Graskewicz (30) tries to rebound a shot by Von Scales. UM—St. Louis won 68-57. (Photo by Scott Brandt)

## Jim Brown: A Gladiator On And Off The Field

by Mike Van Roo  
contributing sports writer

Ex-football great Jim Brown made an appearance at the Black Book Fair this past Saturday at the Cervantes Convention Center to promote his recently released book entitled *Out of Bounds*.

This soon-to-be 54-year-old Hall of Famer spoke to the very attentive crowd and decided "it was time for me at age 53 to tell my story."

His book is very revealing and most glib on what it was like to be a famous black athlete in America.

Brown made his name as probably the greatest running back ever to play in the National Football League. He still owns or is ranked second or third in well over a dozen statistical categories of NFL rushing and scoring records.

His most impressive records include 58 100-yard rushing games and a rushing average of over 100 yards for every game throughout his 10 year career. In college, he still has the record for the most points scored in a game — 43 — that he set in 1956.

*"In 1958 I was a superstar, but I was still discriminated against because I was a black man."*  
—football great Jim Brown

"I was a gladiator on the field, I never missed a game in all the years I played or got injured in a game," Brown observed.

In the book and at the book fair, Brown told of his battles with the Los Angeles Police Department and how they were constantly harassing him, raiding his house, and accusing him of beating up on women. "For many years, the system propagandized me," Brown said. One quote from the book told of the significance on how important it could have been for any cop that might have sent him away to San Quentin for life.

Brown was very candid on how he walked away from the game at age 29 to pursue a career in the movies. "To be black and play football and make \$50,000 a year didn't mean a lot to me," Brown intimated. "Football wasn't the most important thing in my life. Why

should I stay there until they threw me out."

Brown in his heyday was listed at 6 feet 2 inches, 228 pounds. Today, he still looks very robust and wouldn't have a problem carrying the ball.

Brown also touched on the subject of racism in America while he was attending college at Syracuse, despite the fact that he was a well known athlete. He won ten letters in three years as a scholarship athlete (3 in football, 3 in lacrosse, 2 each in basketball and track).

"In 1958 I was a superstar," Brown said. "But I was still discriminated against because I was a black man."

On the subject of college athletics today, Brown was most adamant on college athletes getting paid to go to school. "College athletes *should* get paid to go to school. Anytime people pay to see athletes, they're not considered amateurs," he said. "Amateur is

## Three Starters Ride Bench For Missed Practice Time

by David Barnes  
sports editor

The UM—St. Louis basketball teams were 1-4 the previous week with only the men beating UM—Rolla 68-57.

The game started slow, with a score of 10-6 UM—St. Louis eight minutes into the game. The first half ended with UM—Rolla behind 29-22.

Von Scales, Kevin Hill, and James Williams were not allowed to start the game because they missed shooting practice the day before. Tom Smith, Mark Stanley, and Kevin Sneed started in their place.

The Rivermen have lost their last four conference games. Against UM—Rolla, UM—St. Louis now leads the series 15-2.

Junior Chris Pilz scored a game high 23 points. He went two for three in three-point shots and five for 12 in field goals.

UM—St. Louis head coach Rich Meckfessel said after the game that Pilz had improved his outside shooting, which had been slumping recently.

Pilz also scored 11 freethrows in 14 tries.

Stanley was second for the Rivermen in scoring with 16 points. He made four three-point shots out of seven attempts and netted six baskets in 10 tries.

Earlier that night the Riverwomen lost 108-67 to UM—Rolla.

UM—Rolla dominated the game and led 47-31 at the half.

UM—St. Louis head coach Bobbi Morse received two consecutive technical fouls for arguing a call eight minutes into the second half. UM—Rolla went 4-4 on the penalty shots.

UM—St. Louis now trails in the overall series against UM—Rolla 12-10. The Riverwomen have lost their last

eight games with the Lady Miners.

Riverwoman Monica Steinhoff led the game with 24 points. She was one for six on three-point shots and six for 24 on field goals. She made 11 out of 12 freethrows.

Lisa Houska and Kristen Kinker tied for second in scoring for the Riverwomen. Each had 10 points.

Kinker came off the bench to hit four field goals in five tries and two freethrows.

Five minutes into the game a UM—St. Louis fan was ejected from the game. He had been criticizing the officials and ignored requests by the referee to be quiet.

The Rivermen lost 76-63 against Central Missouri State in Warrensburg on Feb. 10.

Conference leader CMSU is 18-1 and lost its first game to Missouri Western on Feb. 3.

At the half, UM—St. Louis was only behind 25-22.

Barry Graskewicz led the Rivermen with 16 points. He made six of seven freethrows and five of ten fieldgoals.

Pilz scored 14 points by making three three-point shots, one freethrow, and five fieldgoals.

Scales came from the bench to score 11 points. He made five freethrows and scored the rest of his points with three fieldgoals.

The Riverwomen lost to CMSU 64-52. The women trailed by only eight points at the half but were unable to make up the deficit.

Steinhoff scored the most points in the game with 21. She made seven fieldgoals, was perfect in freethrows by hitting four, and went three for six in three-point shots.

a made-up word, that's maybe only used in Europe. Colleges have too much power, they don't want anyone to mess with them as long as they make their money. And you wonder why people raise a ruckus when some athlete gets paid \$2 to do his laundry."

**Brown might have** been one of the first great two-sport athletes in college when he once said if he had his way, "he would liked to have played lacrosse five days a week and save Saturday's for football."

On the subject of another pretty fair two-sport athlete, Bo Jackson, Brown had this to say. "Bo Jackson can do whatever he wants. Why not participate in two sports, if somebody wants to pay him that kind of money? It's not illegal to participate in two sports.

"Sports is a big business today; there's a lot of money, guaranteed contracts. It's become more of a business than sport," Brown added. "I do believe in education, but a lot of businesses today are run by a lot of uneducated people without degrees. If a kid at age 15 is

good enough for the pros, then why should he go to a university? And if someone wants to leave early from school to go into the pros for the money, then they should."

**Jim Brown is** a very straightforward person who doesn't hold back on what he has to say or who it might offend. For a man who seems to have experienced just about all the perks of being famous, football star, movie actor, etc., one might be surprised to hear that "truth" is number one with him. "Give me the truth first, I can deal with everything else after," he said. "Read everything you can, but not just what's in front of you. Seek out the truth."

One last topic on his playing days and who might have hit him the hardest, Ray Nitschke or Dick Butkus? One onlooker commented, "which of them might have hurt the hardest after running into Jim?" "It's immaterial," Brown commented. "They were both great players. The Green Bay Packers of old would dominate today, just like I would."



## Skaters Slide To Wash. U.

by David Barnes  
sports editor

The UM—St. Louis Icemen lost to Washington University 9-4 on February 6 at the Arena.

For most of the first period Wash. U. was dominant. Then, with 5:34 left, George Katinas scored during a power play.

The Icemen increased the pressure after that and took more shots but were unable to score. The period ended 1-1.

The next period was more even, with the teams taking the puck back and forth on the ice. Although the UM—St. Louis goalies made several good saves, Wash. U. went ahead 4-1.

Then both teams began to slow down. The UM—St. Louis teamwork, while better than in previous games, began to get worse.

"We started playing more physical in the third period," said defenseman Dan Brueggeman. For over half the third period the Icemen were a skater short due to penalties.

Wash. U. was able to capitalize on the power plays and scored five points in the last period.

Iceman Glen Martin netted a goal for his fifth of the season and Dave Dagenais scored twice in the third period to put his season total at five.

"Dave [Dagenais] was excellent" said Katinas, who had scored his fourth season goal in the first period.

"Everyone is getting to know each other," Katinas said of his team. "But we were kind of sluggish. We didn't take enough shots."

"A lot of our guys were tired," agreed Brueggeman. "We were trying to set up pretty plays and not setting up enough shots."

Katinas said the team starters were skating well but that "we're still having problems forming a third line. Once we finish that, we'll have the key."

The Icemen tied Wash. U. the last time they played but this time, "We out hit them," said Brueggeman, "but they out skated us."

## Sports Briefs

### SIX FOULS IN BASKETBALL?

The NCAA Rules Committee is experimenting with allowing basketball players to receive six personal fouls in a game. "I don't think it's a good idea," said UM—St. Louis head coach Rich Meckfessel. He said that the extra foul would lengthen game time. "Teams behind can foul and foul [at the end of the second period]. Games are too long in the last two minutes as it is now." He dislikes the current five foul rule also. "I don't like the idea of a player being banished for five fouls. In all other sports you can accumulate all the fouls you want and not be ejected unless it's flagrant." Meckfessel would rather see the five foul penalty changed to "giving the other team two shots and the ball or three shots and the ball."

### BUT FOR TRAPEZOIDS

Meckfessel would like to see the size of the lane changed to match international regulations. "I think that will be the next major change of the decade," he said. At the freethrow line the width would remain at 12 feet, but then it would begin to widen to a total of 18 feet as it reached the hoop. The change would "clear out a lot of the clutter and congestion under the basket," he said. "Anything that opens up the game and creates more movement is good for the game."

### CLEAN STREAMS

The Missouri Department of Conservation is pushing for legislation that would prevent people from driving all-terrain vehicles through Missouri streams for recreational purposes. Director Jerry J. Presley said Senate Bill 653 would still allow "farmers, hunters, and other legitimate users to cross streams at traditional crossings." He said research has indicated that "continuous and prolonged operation of vehicles in streams can cause serious problems for aquatic wildlife." The legislature passed an ATV bill in 1988 but Presley said the current proposal is needed to close loopholes.

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**SLIP SLIDIN' AWAY:** Although their passing and teamwork had improved, the UM—St. Louis weren't able to defeat Washington University. In the season opener the teams tied 4-4. (Photo by David Barnes)



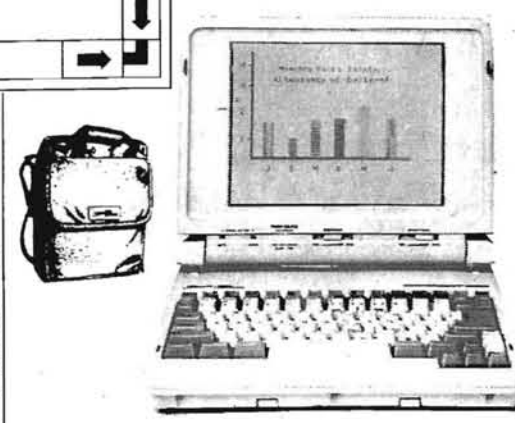
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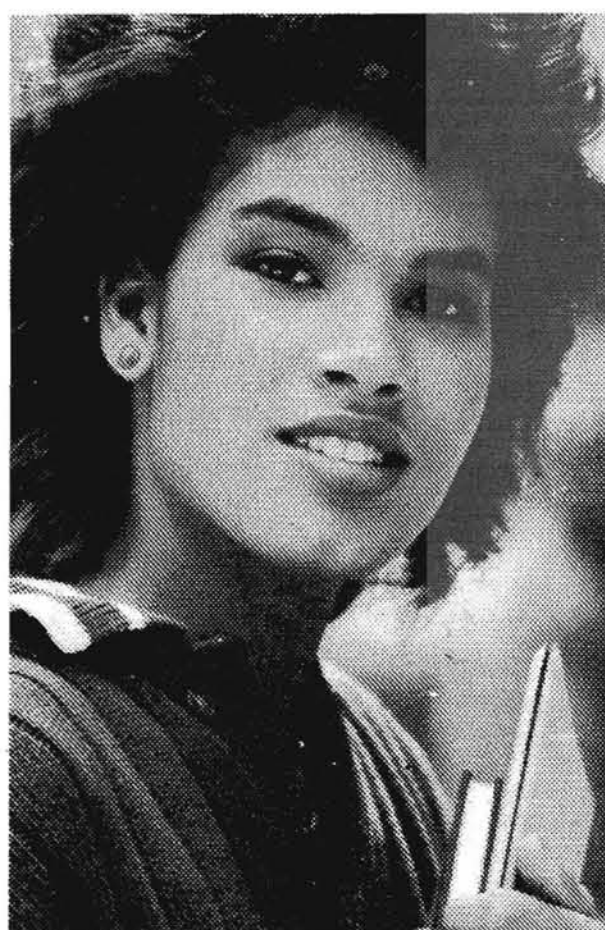
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